



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO** Veterinary Medical Board

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**SUBJECT** **Controlled Substances Reporting (CURES)**

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### **Background:**

This bill, SB 616, has died, but it is expected to return in the 2013 Legislative session. The bill was an attempt to identify funding for the CURES program. The Board's Legislative Committee will participate in discussions on the bill before it returns in 2013. Some of the issues identified are:

1. The mandated fee increase – consider changing “shall” to “may.” Given the Board's budget levels, this board may be able to absorb the cost of the program within existing fees by doing a fee decrease and then adding the specific fee for CURES back into the existing fee levels.
2. The bill mandates the fee increase by 2014 “if” the AG determines that the program has insufficient funds – that seems to have already been established.
3. The fee is set at \$10 annually – that would be \$20 per renewal every two years. Currently, we have no cost/benefit analysis or justification of how that amount was determined. Usually when there is a cost that is shared between board, the cost is pro rated based on numbers of licensees.
4. There is no mandate for reporting back to the eight boards listed in the bill on how much money was transferred and on the condition and balance of the CURES fund. What if \$10 is either too much or too little? What happens then?

### **Action Requested:**

- 1) Discuss identified issues,
- 2) Delegate to the Legislative Committee authority to participate in future discussion and investigate further, the Board's options.